

Hayden Room 7 pm

Call to order 7:02 pm by Chairman Champagne

Roll Call – Ronald Champagne, James Leonard, Jim Scullen, John McCoy, Mike Spaziani & Dana Jones

Motion to accept the revised minutes from the February 5, 2013 meeting was made by John McCoy and seconded by Jim Leonard. The motion was unanimous

Committee Reports –

Labor Committee – Currently working on the draft union contract. The union is working on their proposal and hope to meet soon to review both proposals.

Financial Committee – a draft budget was presented. VFIS was discussed and there is potential for savings once the districts are consolidated.

Legal Committee – The final draft of the bylaws was distributed to the entire committee. All members were asked to review and make comments. John McCoy made a revision to the charter to ensure that if a budget is not passed the district would continue to operate.

Media Committee – will wait for March 20th town council meeting when the districts consultants report will be reviewed.

Building Committee – a review of the physical plant and apparatus needs was discussed. the committee will begin to work on a long range plan for changes that will be needed once the 4 districts are merged. A line item in the budget should be included for capital expenditures.

Chairman's Report – we will attempt to be on the agenda for the March 20th town council meeting. At that time we should have our consultants report and be able to provide expert testimony to the council about the needs of the fire district.

Public Comment – Jim Scullin commented about the authority that this board has to negotiate a contract. Jim stated that he feels we should be going in front of our individual district taxpayers to make sure they are on board for this merger. Discussion continued that we need to have some numbers/facts before we go to the taxpayers. As for the contract we should be able to have a tentative contract that can be official once the districts are merged. Time is limited with the General Assembly only going through June.

The next consolidation meeting will be April 2, 2013, 7pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Scullin at 7:32 and seconded by Jim Leonard, the motion carried.